



# Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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December 2020

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

December 7, 2020 **Cancelled**  
6:30 pm Meeting

**Fellowship Reformed Church**  
4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

## **2020 PALS Executive Board**

### **Chairpersons\*\***

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

### **Co-Chairpersons\*\***

Unfilled

### **Secretary\*\***

Margarete Fochtman

### **Treasurer\*\***

Suzette Mattson

### **Asst. Treasurer**

Connie Pluger

### **Media\*\***

Deb Taylor

### **Resources\*\***

Vicki Gale

## **Committees**

### **Marketing**

Marilyn Anderson

### **Membership**

LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker

### **Historian**

Joy Lamphere

### **Donation & QOV Quilts**

Cindy Vogel, Sallie Lawrence

Cathy Baker

### **Library**

Barb Reynolds

### **Beekeeper**

Margarete Fochtman

### **Lighthouse Liaison**

Margarete Fochtman

## ***From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz***

Merry Christmas!

I hope this finds you feeling well and ready to move toward a New Year filled with hope, love, encouragement, good health, and peace for our nation.

We can all look forward to being inside in the colder, wintery weather even more than we've been inside for the past 9 months. I'm sure many of you have completed more quilting projects than you would have ever imagined. This Christmas season will be busy in a different way for most of us this year. Let's all try to focus on new quilting projects that can maybe help someone less fortunate, or a gift for someone we love, instead of focusing on all the things that are still not back to normal and preventing us from gathering with loved ones to celebrate.

Wishing you and yours a very blessed Christmas season and a truly healthy and prosperous New Year! We look forward to the day when we can gather safely together again.

Jami & LouAnn

**Next Board Meeting**  
December 28, 2020 6:30pm  
**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
December 10, 2020  
[quilterscafe278@yahoo.com](mailto:quilterscafe278@yahoo.com)

## **Meeting Cancellation Information**

**In case of inclement weather, notifications will be sent to WZZM-TV and WOOD-TV stations. If at all possible, an email blast will be sent to members who receive their newsletters via email.**

## **Fat Quarter Challenge and Toys for Tots**

If you choose to participate, we will be handing out a Fat Quarter to each PALS member at the Toys for Tots drive-by drop-off at Fellowship Church front parking lot on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 PM. The challenge is to use this fabric in any project of your choosing, but this fabric must be identifiable and not be used for backing or binding only. You will have until our membership meeting on May 3, 2021, to complete your project for Show & Tell. If we are still unable to get together, we will post pictures on our Facebook page and in the newsletters. Even with the new Covid restrictions put in place, we are still planning on holding this event. We will be outside and it's just a quick drive-by, so please plan to support Toys for Tots and/or pick up your fat quarter to participate in the challenge.

## **Donation Quilts**

**Cindy Vogel & Sallie Lawrence**

Looking back on a challenging year we have so much to be thankful for! I am humbled and grateful when I look back at all the beautiful quilts that were made and donated to our community!

This is where our quilts went this year: Muskegon Pregnancy Services received 51 baby quilts, Every Woman's Place received 20 lap quilts, Catholic Charities received 55 baby and lap quilts, Muskegon Rescue Mission Women and Children's shelter received 54 baby, toddler and lap quilts, and One Day with God/Fellowship Ministry received 21 lap quilts. It was a successful year in spite of the Pandemic.

Many of you worked alongside friends and even your granddaughters to make quilts to donate. In the picture is Mary Anderson who donated 6 quilts made by her granddaughters and she quilted them. Quilters, you are doing so much service. Thank you!

I want to give a big thank you to Sallie Lawrence who is stepping down after serving for two years. I also want to give a big thank you to Eileen Grunstra and Rhesa Martin who have both agreed to serve with me this coming year on the Donation Quilts committee. I look forward to serving with Donation quilts in the year 2021.

## **Upcoming Board Vacancies**

Co-Chairs: Vacant

Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Quilts of Valor: Vacant

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Chairs: Vacant



## **Co-Chairperson Job Description**

Co-Chairperson is responsible for conducting board/membership meeting in current Chairperson's absence.

Attend all board meetings, help at membership meetings when and where needed; setting up, cleaning up, etc. Learn how to set building alarm and lock up after the meeting. This will be your responsibility as Chair.

Write a brief article of your choice for the monthly newsletter. This needs to be submitted to the Media Chair by the 10th of the month.

Co-Chair is responsible to work with the Resource Chairperson for scheduling speakers for their year as Chair. Work on this ASAP as many speakers are currently booking two years in advance. Contact prospective teachers by phone or email. Confirm speaker's class dates, lecture/trunk show dates, fees, travel arrangements and lodging. Get information on type of classes they offer, how many allowed in a class, etc. Our classes are generally 6-hour classes held on Sunday and Monday with a lecture/trunk show at our membership meeting on Monday evening. Arrange to mail out a PALS contract with all information included and receive a signed contract in return ASAP. We share a meeting with Lighthouse Guild in Grand Haven in September (the second Monday). On even years it is held at our guild so it's good to get someone well known in the quilting circle, if possible.

Bring choices of instructors to the guild board and give the name, class project, presentation/trunk show, when they will be attending our guild. Also let the board know if you have sent out a contract or received a signed one for your files and the treasurer files.

Your goal is to retain two to three (2-3) speakers for your year as Chair. If possible, try to find a Michigan teacher to help keep costs down.

In December, before you take over as Chair, make a list of dates you need reserved for board meetings in room 23 and a list of the dates you need reserved for the general meeting for your year. Get this list to the church secretary as soon as possible in case of a conflict with the dates. The May board meeting is the third Monday in May because of Memorial Day. The September general membership meeting is the second Monday in September because of Labor Day. In August we don't schedule our membership meeting with the church because of our annual picnic.

Plan Chairperson(s) end-of-year thank-you gift. As in the past, board members decide on a quilt pattern and help make a quilt to be presented to the outgoing Chair at the December membership Christmas meeting. Other items that have been given instead of a quilt: tote bags, organizer bags, favorite fabrics. Be Creative. Cost for material will usually be reimbursed by the guild treasurer, and board members usually contribute to offset guild expenses.

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## Preparing Your Fabric

One thing that's been on my mind is something that happened to me in October while I was working on a fall quilt called "Pumpkin Harvest". In telling you of my experience, I hope I can prevent you from panicking if you ever have the same thing happen.

I had marked lines on my pumpkins for quilting, with a Sew Line Styla water erasing pen. This makes a blue line on your fabrics. I've used this pen many, many times. I was quilting the last few pumpkins, which happened to be a couple different orange colored batiks. When I spritzed them with water to remove my marking lines, I started noticing that the background fabric around my pumpkins was turning yellow. My orange colored batiks were bleeding!! Yikes!! Panic set in very quickly! I remembered hearing about our quilt show judge telling one of our members that you should immediately rinse your quilt under HOT water until it runs clear. Since it was very late at night, I googled and found suzyquilts.com. Once I rinsed my quilt that was only about ½ quilted, I filled the bathtub with HOT water, added several pots of boiling water, and ½ cup of regular blue Dawn dish soap (the website recommended Dawn Ultra Pure dish detergent, but I used what I had), and then added my quilt. I put rubber gloves on because the water was hot, then swished it all around for 10-15 minutes. It said to let it rest, give it a good long sleep (12 hours) and make sure every bit of the quilt was underwater, so none of the dye sticks to the quilt at the water line. I checked it after 8 hours and it looked good so I gave it the recommended cold-water rinse and because the weather was extremely nice, I hung it outside to dry over our deck rails. If the problem was still evident, I would have repeated the process until I was happy with the way my quilt looked. I feel lucky that the fabric bleeds came out completely.

I also recommend stitching all around the outside edge of your quilt, so you don't end up with batting pulling away when you soak your quilt before it's completed.

### Fabric Bleed Prevention:

1. Pre-Wash your fabrics – if your schedule won't allow for pre-washing all of your fabrics, try to at least pre-wash your most vivid colors. Using a Shout Color Catcher may also help.
2. Test your fabrics – "Stick a swatch of each fabric in a hot water wash and see what happens. Hopefully, nothing too exciting."

If you've ever had this kind of experience, and have tips to share, maybe we can discuss this when we get back together in person for a meeting. Until then, look for a post on Facebook and feel free to comment there with any tips, suggestions, or any questions.

## Resources

Vicki Gale

As previously mentioned, Joy Lamphere will be setting up an album on the PALS Facebook site for all those who wish to show off their finished Flurry quilts in December. We are hoping to see as many as possible, so you still have a goal for completing YOUR Flurry quilt in time for this Christmas. If you finish your Flurry quilt and are not on Facebook, but would like to show your quilt, please contact Joy at 231-220-9319, and she will try to help you.

We have a blank slate for classes for the year 2021, so if ANY of you have suggestions for them, please let me know. If you have a topic in mind but don't know of a specific instructor, again, please let me know that as well so one can be researched. If you are interested in teaching our members, we would like that too! You can phone me at 231-670-5535 or e-mail me at [galevicki66@gmail.com](mailto:galevicki66@gmail.com).

Our annual Toys for Tots event will still happen this year! There will be a drive-by drop-off at Fellowship Church, in the front parking lot, on Monday, December 7, 2020, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please plan to support Toys for Tots again this year!

## Marketing

Marilyn Anderson

Marketing has a Christmas special. Remember those cute Santas that the board made for Christmas gifts last year? Wonderful gift idea for this Christmas. Cute over a bottle of soap, flavored water, wine... Purchase a Santa for \$10.00 and receive a free Santa pattern. Limited supply. Email Marilyn at [anderson.terry@frontier.com](mailto:anderson.terry@frontier.com) and we will set up a spot to meet.

## Membership

Niki Studabaker and LuAnne Sloop

Due to Covid-19, PALS is waiving 2021 membership fees for those that paid 2020 fees. If you would still like to send a payment, it will be accepted by PALS as a monetary donation. You may also drop off your completed Membership form at the Toys for Tots Drive-by drop off. **Whether you are sending a payment or not, membership still needs a completed membership form by Dec. 31 for your 2021 membership.** Make any check payable to PALS. Please mail completed forms to:

PALS

P.O. Box 5373

North Muskegon, MI 49445



# November is Membership Month

## Easy Instructions

1. Clip the dues form below.
2. Fill out completely and legibly, especially your email address.
3. If you were a member who paid 2020 dues, the \$25 fee (\$30 if your newsletter is mailed) has been waived due to Covid 19. If you are waived and you still send a payment it will be accepted by PALS as a monetary donation.
4. Mail your membership form with or without payment to: P.O. Box 5373, North Muskegon, MI 49445

\*Whether you are paying or not, membership must receive your membership form by Dec.31, 2020 to continue receiving newsletters

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# Come Sew With Us

We are excited to announce...  
**The 2020 Hoffman Challenge Collection fabric will be here starting November 1st!**  
(Our events page has a link to The Challenge rules.)



## Gall News

- New fabric is being added regularly to our website. **FREE SHIPPING** on any size order.
- In-person events are on hold **BUT** we are having online events. Check our events page regularly for all the latest updates.



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